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Strawberry Shortcake was berry excited. It was a crisp fall day, and she was meeting her friends at Berry Bitty Orchard to pick apples for the Autumn Harvest Festival.

On her way, Strawberry ran into Berrykin Bloom, who was raking leaves.

"Hello, Strawberry," said Berrykin Bloom. "Are you ready for the festival tomorrow?"

"Not yet," said Strawberry. "I need apples for a special treat I'm making—spiced apple cake!"

"That sounds delicious!" said Berrykin Bloom. "Save some for me!"

"I will," Strawberry promised as she hurried off.

When Strawberry reached the orchard, she found Lemon Meringue, Cherry Jam, and Plum Pudding filling baskets with juicy red apples.

"Have you ever seen so many apples?" Cherry asked Strawberry.
"They sure are delicious," said Plum, taking a bite.
"They're going to taste great in my spiced apple cake!" agreed Lemon.

"Oh no," thought Strawberry as her friends wandered away. "Lemon's apple cake is the berry best. I can't make the same thing!"

Strawberry looked at the tree branches bursting with their round, colorful fruit. "I know," she said. "I'll just make something else. I can make caramel apples!"

Just then, Orange Blossom walked by.

"What beautiful apples!" Orange exclaimed. "They will be perfect for making my caramel apples."

"I was going to make caramel apples, too!" said Strawberry. "But maybe I'll make an apple pie instead."

"Great idea!" said Orange.

Strawberry began filling her basket.

"Everyone loves apple pie," Strawberry thought happily. "Why didn't I think of that before?"

Suddenly, there was a noise behind her. It was Raspberry Torte and Blueberry Muffin.

"Hello, Strawberry," said Raspberry. "I'm sorry I can't stay, but I need to start baking my apple pie!"

Strawberry watched as Raspberry hurried away.

"I wanted to bake an apple pie," Strawberry said sadly. "What should I make now?"

"Don't worry," said Blueberry. "I know you'll think of something!"

"I'm sure you're right," Strawberry replied.

Strawberry finished gathering her apples and headed home.

All afternoon, she thought about what she could bake. As she looked around her café, she spotted her muffin pan.

"I'll make apple muffins!" said Strawberry. "I just need the recipe from Cherry."

Strawberry called Cherry.

"Oh no! I'm sorry, Strawberry," Cherry told her, "but *I'm* making apple muffins."

"Okay," Strawberry replied. "Thank you, anyway."

Strawberry felt berry sad as she hung up the phone.

"I'm running out of time!" she thought. "What if I'm the only one without something to share at the festival?"

Strawberry went outside and found Pupcake and Custard playing in piles of leaves.

"What amazing colors!" exclaimed Strawberry as she admired the bright reds, oranges, and yellows.

Strawberry looked at the leaves and then at her big basket of apples sitting on the table in the café.

"That gives me a berry great idea!" she cried.

First, Strawberry gathered up the prettiest leaves she could find.

Then she took out some supplies and got to work.

The next day was the Autumn Harvest Festival!

When everyone in Berry Bitty City arrived at the town square, it was filled with dazzling decorations. The tables were piled high with red apples and orange pumpkins, and there were big bouquets of leaves everywhere.

"How lovely!" cried Lemon.

"Strawberry, did you do all of this?" asked Orange.

"Well," Strawberry replied, "when I couldn't think of a special snack to make, I decided to share another kind of autumn treat—the beautiful colors of the season!"

"What a great way to celebrate fall!" exclaimed Plum.

"Yes," agreed Strawberry. "But the greatest way to celebrate fall is to spend time with my berry best friends!"

It's fall, and Strawberry Shortcake and her friends can't wait to celebrate at the Autumn Harvest Festival. They head to Berry Bitty Orchard to pick apples to bake into special treats. Strawberry knows exactly what she wants to make, but all her friends have the same ideas! Will Strawberry think of something original, or will she show up to the festival empty-handed?

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